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	Flemming Saether	3677
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1. This communication is responsive to <i>Examiner's Amendment 12-19-2006</i> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 11,12,14-17,19 and 20.		
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Attachment(s) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	5. ☐ Notice of Informal P 6. ☑ Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Dat 7. ☑ Examiner's Amendr 8. ☐ Examiner's Stateme 9. ☐ Other	(PTO-413),

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Gerk on 12-19-2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Canceled claim 18;

Claim 20, line 2, after "response to" inserted --the--.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not disclose the supporting sleeve having inwardly extending recesses in combination with the inwardly pointing projections and, where would be no motivation to provide a sleeve having recesses, as in Johnson (US 6,059,503), with inwardly pointing projections since the sleeve by itself disclosed as an improvement over a projection and noted by Johnson's prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Flemming Saether whose telephone number is 571-272-7071. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Swann can be reached on 571-272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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